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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS COMMENTS ON

PUERTO RICAN ELECTION

REF: (A) PORT OF SPAIN 2902 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 281373

1. IN HIS ADDRESS ON DECEMBER 3 TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE GOVERNING PEOPLES NATIONAL MOVEMENT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS MADE PASSING BUT POSITIVE REFERENCE TO THE OUTCOME OF THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS IN PUERTO RICO. DEVELOPING THE THEME THAT CARIBBEAN INTEGRATION WAS MOVING BACKWARD, DR. WILLIAMS SAID "THE WARNING IS ON THE WALL FOR US TO SEE. PUERTO RICO HAS JUST VOTED TO BE ABSORBED INTO THE AMERICAN UNION AS A STATE, THE SAME PUERTO RICO ABOUT WHICH SO MUCH FUSS WAS BEING MADE A FEW MONTHS AGO BY NON-PUERTO RICANS ABOUT INDEPENDENCE".

2. COMMENT: THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY BUT ONLY INFREQUENTLY

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STATED IN SUCH POSITIVE FORM IN PUBLIC. IN THE LIGHT

OF TRINIDAD'S VOTING RECORD ON PUERTO RICAN  
RESOLUTIONS IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 IT IS UNLIKELY  
THAT THE GOTT WILL SUDDENLY BECOME STAUNCH DEFENDERS  
IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH  
WAS, HOWEVER, A USEFUL STATEMENT ON THE RECORD IN THE  
CONTEXT OF THE PERIODIC DEBATE IN TRINIDAD ON PUERTO  
RICAN INDEPENDENCE. THE REFERENCES TO "NON-PUERTO  
RICANS" ADVOCATING INDEPENDENCE IS OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED  
AT CUBA AND CLEARLY REFUTES THE CLAIMS BY LEFTIST  
GROUPS HERE THAT THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE REJECT  
ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.  
FAY

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